

FISCAL NOTE

HB 684 - SB 1255

April 23, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Restructures selection process for members of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Provides that members would be selected from names submitted to the State Election Commission by the respective county election commissions. Members would receive the same reimbursement for mileage and expenses as authorized for state legislators but would receive no compensation for the performance of their duties. Employers would be forbidden to discharge employees who are THEC members if members give five days' notice of THEC meetings. Members unlawfully discharged would be entitled to lost wages and benefits. An employer who willfully refuses to rehire or otherwise restore such a member/employee to original status would commit a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director